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Re: Joint Agency Reclamation Tour, Bingham Canyon Mine, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Ms. Dorward-King:

On behalf of my staff and the New Mexico minerals reclamation staff, I wish to extend our thanks to you and your staff for providing us with the opportunity to observe the excellent reclamation work that Kennecott has performed at the Bingham Canyon Mine. Please convey our appreciation to your staff for the courteous professionalism that was extended to us during the tour. We appreciate the excellent lunch that you provided for the group as well.

The tour was very informative and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. I believe both my staff and the New Mexico personnel gained valuable knowledge and reclamation insight as a result of the tour. I'm sure that this information will be very useful to New Mexico's technical staff as they continue with the implementation of their new minerals regulatory program.

Thanks again for your hospitality and willingness to accommodate our joint agency reclamation tour request. I was unable to attend this tour, but look forward to meeting and working with you in Kennecott's future mining endeavors.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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